Mountain Weather Forecast

North Grampian

Including North and West Cairngorms National Park, Monadhliath, Ben Alder, Creag Meagaidh, Loch Ericht and Loch Rannoch
Forecast valid from 06:00 on Friday 23 Dec 2022 until 23:59 on Saturday 24 Dec 2022

Forecast Issued on Friday 23 Dec 2022 at 03:37 by Met Office Aberdeen

Confidence: Remaining unsettled with colder air over northern Scotland and milder air pushing up from the south, the milder air makes its way north with some snow turning to rain on Christmas Eve but colder air returns from Boxing day. Medium confidence about freezing level with lots of changes over the coming days.

Headline for Friday 23 Dec 2022: Dry with bright spells in the morning, cloudier afternoon with strengthening easterly winds.

Mountain weather hazards on Friday 23 Dec 2022

Blizzards No Likelihood	**Heavy persistent snow** No Likelihood	**Storm force winds** No Likelihood
Gales No Likelihood	**Severe chill effect** High Likelihood	**Poor visibility** No Likelihood
Thunderstorms No Likelihood	**Heavy persistent rain** No Likelihood	**Strong sunlight** No Likelihood

Weather and chance of precipitation at 800m					
Time					
06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00
Cloudy	Sunny intervals	Cloudy	Cloudy	Sleet	Sleet
Precipitation probability					
<05%	<05%	<05%	20%	40%	40%

Forecast for Friday 23 Dec 2022

Weather: The fog will lift as the easterly winds strengthen, a few bright or sunny spells through the morning but turning increasingly cloudy from the south and hills west of the A9 starting to see some light rain or snow, above 400m, during the early evening.

Chance of cloud-free hill tops above 800m: 80%, patches of cloud below the summits for more southern ranges at times.

Low cloud and visibility: Generally good visibility throughout the day for all ranges but perhaps moderate later in the south as rain and snow approaches. Patchy cloud above 600m is likely through the day for ranges around Loch Ossian and Ben Alder. Cloud lowering later in the evening with scattered cloud above 500m likely by late evening.

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Height (m)	Wind Speed mean/gusts (mph) Wind Direction (blowing from)						
	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1300	26/33 E	28/36 E	27/36 E	29/39 E	30/40 E	31/42 E	30/41 SE
900	24/32 E	27/36 E	21/31 E	25/36 E	28/39 SE	28/40 SE	27/38 SE
600	12/18 E	12/20 E	16/28 E	16/28 E	16/27 E	16/27 E	13/24 SE
300	6/17 E	6/17 E	7/17 E	6/16 NE	6/17 NE	7/17 E	6/14 E
Glen	2/12 NE	3/12 NE	4/12 NE	4/13 NE	3/13 NE	3/12 NE	3/12 NE

Height (m)	Temperature / Feels Like (°C)						
	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1300	-5/-14	-6/-16	-6/-16	-6/-16	-6/-16	-6/-16	-6/-16
900	-2/-10	-2/-10	-2/-9	-2/-10	-3/-11	-2/-11	-2/-10
600	-0/-5	-0/-5	-0/-6	-0/-6	-0/-6	-0/-6	-0/-6
300	1/-1	1/-2	1/-2	1/-2	0/-3	0/-3	0/-3
Glen	1/-0	-0/-2	1/-1	1/-1	0/-2	-0/-2	0/-2
Freezing Level*	500m	400m	300m	300m	300m	200m	300m

**Level above which ground is expected to be frozen/snow is expected to settle.*

Met Office Aberdeen Meteorologist's View
Strengthening easterly winds will add to the wind chill and it will feel bitterly cold near the summits of the munros, note freezing level around 300m during the day.

Forecast for Saturday 24 Dec 2022
Weather: Outbreaks of snow turning gradually to sleet, as freezing level rises from 400m to 1000m during the day. Outbreaks heavier in the morning turning light and patchy in the afternoon, perhaps some drier periods too.

Maximum wind: Southeasterly 15-20mph gusting 25-30mph.

Chance of cloud-free hill tops above 800m: 20% rising to 40%. Widespread low cloud in association with outbreaks of snow and sleet.

Low cloud and visibility: Broken low cloud above 400m can be expected further south and east, the best chance of more scattered low cloud will be found west of the A9 and towards Creag Meagaidh during the afternoon, some tops may clear altogether. The Ladder hills are likely to be quite cloudy all day. Visibility is likely to be quite poor in heavier spells of snow but improving in drier periods and the best visibility can also be expected towards the Ben Alder area.

Temperature: **Glens:** Plus 1 rising to 4 Celsius.
At 800m: Minus 4 rising to 1 Celsius.
Freezing level: 400m rising to 1000m

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